## ORDINANCE.

AN ORDINANCE designating the streets and highways in the Town of Bloomfield, Essex County, New Jersey, through and tipon which the underground conduits and cables of the New York and New Jersey Telephone Company may be placed, and the manner of placing the same. The County of the Town of Bloomfield, in the County of Essex, do ordain as follows: THE BI A LARGE VOTE COURAGE County of Essex, do ordain as follows: Section t. That the New York and New Jersey

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Telephone Company, its successors and assigns, be and it is hereby authorized and empowered to or and a is hereby authorized and empowered to construct and maintain for the uses and pur-poses of its business a system of subways, under-ground conduits and oables, including the necessary manholes and street openings and lateral connections to property lines beneath the surface of the street and highways of the Town of Biomath of descripted in section 2 of this ordinames, and for bace, maintain and operate in said system of substance underground conduits the wires and cables or other electrical conduc-Bad weather for a necessary for its said business, also to construct, maintain and operate for such purposes a tarly regarded) system of electrical e-aductors in failed to hold

th the necessary poles for distribution from the electrical conductors placed in subways or the electrical commutors placed in showays and underground conduits hereinbefore mentioned section 2. That the following streets and aighways are hereby designated and prescribed for the full length thereof. of the underground conduits and cables of said company, as follows

First—Bloomfield Avenue, Broad Street, Belle ville Avenue, Park Avenue, Laberty Street, Mont gomery Street, Spruce Street, Williamson Ave

nue Franklin Street, Washington Avenue, Berke ley Avenue, (ilenwood Avenue, Linden Avenue, ley Avenue, Glenwood Avenue, Linden Avenue, Maolis Avenue, Dodd Street, Watsessing Avenue, Orange Street, Arington Avenue, Bay Avenue, Franklin Avenue, Thomas Street, Newark Avenue, Beach Street, Prospect Street, New Street, Oakland Avenue, Park Place, Oaborn Street, Walmif Street, Clarendon Place, Baldwin Street, and Hazlewood Road; said Company may on the same streets and highways erect the necessary. same streets and highways erect the necessary distributing poles, fixtures and supports for dis-tributing its electrical conductors was across and above the surface of the street with said system. Second-Provided, however, time

tion pole or poles shall be exected in any of the streets or high rays of sair tow out also first securing the cause of the a property owner supon that both upon which the said pe or Third—A plan of said system nderground constitution underground conduits shall be be approved by the Counce be construction shall communicate. shall be not less than twenty feet above ground, and all the wires and poles shall be so located as in no way in the same poles shall be so located as in no way b re with the safety or conravelling on or above the

id Company may, with the gil and abutting property-ubed, erect and maintain consent of the C ppurtenances and wires the streets, avenues and arts of streets, avenues and said town, not hereinbefore enever required as to do by and Councille shall provide subways or under-ground condum in any street or part of a street excepting that on Bloomfield and Glenwood Avenues such requirement shall not be made earlier than January 1, rise; in which poles may have been or shall bereafter be erected under the provisions of this ordinance or any existing ordinance or any ordinance hereafter adopted for all that part of the line consisting of remark or more circuits, and shall thereupon remark from such part of the line all poles and structures above the surface of the ground, gacryd matributing pulsa creeks I as hereinbelte. for I just the completion of the conof we those thereas abial burn tent duly authorized at facilities afrects in which as the months are

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do ! That said sixtways or underground conducts shall be made of wester other suitable material and shall be laid when duly authorized, not less than eighteen these beteath the surface of the street, and not less than one foot, nor or than five feet, outside of the curb line, and shall not except a space to exceed two feet width and fear feet in depth, excepting where existing paper or obstructions may require a devi-existing paper or obstructions may require a devi-ation from such location or size in which cases such subways and conduits shall be beauted under the approval of the Chairman of the Road stamattee in such places and on such lines and of such size as to preserve the existing rights of companies. The subways of shall got be used to contain wire or conductors for the transmission of electricity for any other purpose than as in this ordinance is The carrying of the telephone and telegraph conductors of the New York had be shall be strongly built and shall be located beneath the surface of the streets at such points nicht the line of the subways or underground conduits as may be necessary and convenient for placing and operating the electrical conductors which said company may from time to time m anit sichways or in said subways or underground conduits, and as shall be approved by the Chairman of the Road Committee and shall be so constructed as not to interfers with the passage of the public over an about the said street, and the electrical conand the electrical conductors and conduits thereof shall be placed as as not to injure the property of any person or any public or private sewer water or gas pipe No street or highway shall be opened by sagi company without a written permit for that pur signed by the Chairman of the Road ( after of the Town of Bloomfield stating the spening authorized to be made thereunde which permit shall remain in the presence of the presence in charge of said works, and he by exhibited to any police officer of of Bloomfield or any member of the Town Gov the Town ernment upon demand. The said company its servants and employees, in the laying of any subways or underground conduits, in excavating and replacing the earth in any streets, and the javement thereon, shall be under the supervision of the Chairman of the Road Committee, and shall promptly comply with his orders, the earth removed in making any excavation shall be restored and the pavement, if any taken up shall be relaid by said Company in a thorough, workman like manner, and in such manner as to prevent any sinking of the pavement, the same shall be maintained by said Company in as good condition as the surrounding pavement, until such street or highways in such case shall be renewed or repayed by the Town, the cost of restoring the earth, macadam, or otherwise arising from such excavation, and the laying of ments and repairs thereto, caused ing of any such street, alley, highway or public place, shall be paid by said tempany, but the said work shall be done under the supervision and control of the Constnant of the Road Conmittee. In case the sact Company shall fail or neglect to restore the earth removed in making the excuvation, or to restore the pavement taken up, in the manner aforesaid, or to properly

by the Chairman of the Road Committee, and the said Company shall also pay all expenses to which the Town of Bloomfield shall be put by neglect of the said Company or its employees in the doing of any work, or in the doing of the same in an unworkman-like manner Section 5. The New York and New Jersey Telephone Company Wall provide sufficient space in said subways or underground conduits to accommodate the telephone and telegraph wires operated by the police patrol, the police and fire departments of the Town of Bloomfield, and will furnish the labor to place said wires in the sub-

tain the same before the expiration of forty

work shall have been served upon such Com-

pany, or one of its officers, agents, servants or

employees in charge of such work, by the Chair

shall be done at the expense of said Company by

the Town Council or its agents, and the cost shall be paid by said Company apon presenta-tion to it of the bills therefor certified as correct

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Lys, the Town to furnish the material necessary said work. section & Be it further ordained, that nothing his ordinance shall be construed to grant unto New York and New Jersey Telephone Comy an exclusive right, or to prevent the grant similar privileges to other companies for like doses on any of the streets or highways of the

ction 7. Be it further ordained, in hereof, the said New York and New Jersey shone Company agrees to pay to the Town formifield such taxes as shall be lawfully chied upon said Company, and as further chief upon said Company, and as further chief the Town of Bloomfield s with telephones free of rental or main-sicharges not less than four (4) in-number. the charges not less than four (4) in number, that the free telephone in use by the han additional set of telephone instruments in the first (50) subscribers secured by said in may in excess of two numbers (500) subscribers until such number of free instruments. It be fifteen (15). These free telephones shall be donly by the officers or employees of the number of the Fown, and to no the official business of the Fown, and to no the official business of the Fown, and to no the official business of the Fown, and to no the official business of the Fown, and to no the official business of the Fown, and to no the official business of the Fown, and to no the official business of the Fown, and to not the official business of the Fown, and to not the official business of the Fown, and to not the official business of the Fown of Florenfield as shall be designated by Town Council in weiting. Telephone service the school system of the Town shall be designated by the school system of the Town shall be furthed by the Telephone Company at 30 per cent. nished by the Telephone Company at 50 per cent, of the Company's regular rates.

Section 2 and be it further ordained, that the said Company shall indemnify the Town of Bloomfield, in the County of Essex, against and assume all liability and damages which may at any time arise, come or occur to said Town from or by reason of any injury to persons or property from the doing of any work herein or from the

texplect or default of the Company or its sm ployers, or default of the Company or its em-ployers, or from its or their failure to comply with the provisions of any ordinance of the Town relative to the use of streets or other public places, especially as to the putting of lights or barriers at or around any excavation, and the companencement by the Company of work under this ordinance small be an acceptance thereof and an agreement on the part of said Company, for itself, its successors or assigns, to prefer track, its successors or assigns, to pay to the Town of Bloomfield, in the County of Bosex, in its to an or knownfield, in the County of Essex, in its corporate capacity any sum of money for which it shall at any time become liable to said Town under the provisions of this ordinance.

Section b. The charge for service of the telephone within the Town of Bloomfield shall not exceed the rates charged for similar service in the Town of Montelair.

the Town of Montchir. No tree shall be removed or cut Section in and no branches trimmed or broken by and Company or its agents or servants without permission first had and obtained from the owner of the soil on which said tree is standing, and of the land abouting upon said street or highway upon which the said tree is standing, and from the hairman of the Road Committee of the Town of Bloomfield, under a penalty of twenty-five dollars for each and every offence. The said amount to be recovered in a manner provided by law for the recovery of penalties for the violation d ordinances.

Section 11 All poles shall be painted a dark free color and shall be repainted whenever the harrican of the Road Committee shall so direct noe and all rights of said Company, its suco t the end of thirty five years from the date of after the Town of Blo its adoption. And there affeld shall have and retain all its rights und this ordinance to use the said subways and equation uits for its wires, but with the part of the Company to rays or conduits thereafter hefit of the Town. And this be binding upon the Town of the said The New York and solely for the phone Company shall signify its acceptate ereof in writing under its seal with-in sixty days from the date of its adoption by the Council of the Town of Bloomfield, and until such hall be filed with the Town Clerk of the

That at the time of the filing of the That at the time of the filing of the of this ordinance by The New York of this ordinance by The New York of the said Company shall enter into and who have the said Company shall enter into and who have the town a bond to the Town of Bloomapproved by the Town Council of said on, he saim of two thousand dollars, contend for the faithful performance of each and ry one of the provisions contained in this energy one of the provisions contained in this ordinance, and the payment of all sums which may become due to the said Town thereunder. may become due to the said rown thereunder. Such bond and the sureties thereon shall be re-newed and approved at least once in every five years. And the Town Council of the Town of Bloomfield shall have the right to revoke and Bloomfield shall have the right to revoke and annul this ordinance and the privileges hereby granted upon due notice to the said The New York and New Jersey Telephone Company of not less than thirty days, in case said Company shall wilfully violate or refuse to conform to any of the terms and conditions of this ordinance for ten days after being duly notified in writing of such violation or refusals.

Section 14. That said Company is hereby required to commence and complete the work of construction of at least three-fourths of a mile of the subways and underground conduits herein of the subways and underground consums herein authorized within six months of its acceptance of this ordinance, and in the event of the failure of the said Company to build within one year from the said Company to build within one year from be enactment of this ordinance at least three fourths mile of said safeways or conducts on the streets authorized in this ordinance, the provisions of this ordinance shall become void and of no effect, unless the time for the completion of any such work shall be extended by the resolu-

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Section 16 All the provisions of this ordinance shall continue in force under any form of government which may in future supersede the present form of government of the Town of

Section 17 Should any change be made in the sure or grade of any streets. course or grade of any streets, avenues or high wave in the Town of Bloomfield by the authority of the Town (ouncil, then all subways and underground conduits along the line of such streets, avenues or highways, shall be made to conform to such new course of grade and the cost thereof shall be paid by the New York and New Jersey Telephone Company, Section is That The New York and New Jer my Telephone (empan) shall pay the Treasurer of the Town of Bloomheld all advertising and printing fees incurred by the Town of Bloomfield

a connection with the preparation and passage of this ordinance Ordinance adopted March 3, 1902 THEODORF H WARD Chairman Town Council

Wm L. Johnson, Town Clerk ORDINANCE AN ORDINANCE TO CHANGE THE NAME OF

ENSEX STREET, IN THE TOWN OF BLOOM FIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX The Council of the Town of Bloomfield, in the ounty of Essex, do ordain as follows: That the public highway heretofore known as Essex Street from the Westerly line of Walnut Street to the easterly line of Berkeley Avenue shall bereafter be known and designated as Ordinance adopted March 3, 1902.

THEODORE H. WARD, Chairman Town Council.

WM. L. JOHNSON.

## BOROUGH REPORT.

ANNUAL STATEMENT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING MARCH'E.

Unpaid Taxes Accumulating Large Increase in Sidewalk Work - Extensive Park Project Underway.

The annual report of the Borough of Gien Ridge for the fiscal year ending March 1, 1902, has been issued. One feature of the report that has occasioned some comment is Steady increase in the amount of unpaid taxes accumulating on the tax books of the Borough. The first fiscal year of the borough was marked b ay phenomenally prompt payment of taxes on the part of the citizens there with the exception of a few who had some doubt as to the legal standing of the municipality, but who as som as the doubt was cleared away promily paid up.

The next two years the parm tof taxes nearly equalled the duplicate, but in the fourth fiscal year the uncollected taxes amounted to over \$400, and for 1000 nearly 1,000 of the duplicate remains uncollected, while for the year 1900 the large pum 1 \$6,846.86 etill stands on the x boks, and for the year 1901 he Collector reports \$13.761.30 and smoothly to the report \$13,761.30 an according to the report at the clow of the fiscal year there was a total of \$3 341 51 of unpaid taxes on the tax book

The deput exes are of course an asset, but a bardensome one, and while they may be used as collateral for loans the prompt taxpayers have to bear the burden of the interest charges on such bans. For the past two years the pero tage of unpaid taxes has been higher in the borough than in this town. bonded debt of the borough for store bads and sewers was decreased during the year to the amount of \$15,000, but a new issue of bonds for park purposes of \$35,000 made a net increase in the bonded indebtedness of \$20,000, and the total outstanding is

now \$154,000 exclusive of school bonds. The "bille payable" or borough notes outstanding have been reduced \$4,950 by payments of said notes from the collections for back taxes and \$3,000 by the extinction of the sewer notes from the proceeds of amessments upon property benefited. On the other hand, the outstanding notes have been increased \$2,750 by issues for new sidewalks laid and flagstone purchased, and \$10,500 by lasues from time to time to extend the stone roads. The proceeds of the last mentioned notes have completed the stone road system so far. that such future extensions as may be required from time to time will be provided for in the general tax levy each year without further increase of the debt beyond about \$1,000 due the contractor for work nearly or quite completed.

An effort will be made as soon as possible to fund the road notes at a reduction in the rate of interest now 5 per cent; on conditions which will permit of their retirement at the rate of \$1,000 each year until all are paid.

The Park Committee's report indicates that some very important work is being done in the borough in regard to an elaborate park: Of the \$35,000 bond issue for parks \$17,934.38 bas been

In addition to the Moffet and Dodd tracts aiready purchased and paid for, the Council has arranged for the purchase, on satisfactory terms, of the tract belonging to the Gien Ridge Quarry and Mining Company, fronting 222% feet on Bloomfield Avenue east of and adjoining the Dodd tract, but the formal transfer bas been delayed to meet formalities required by the Borough Counsel. When that transfer has been completed the land acquired will have an aggregate frontage of 1,361 feet on Bloomfield Avenue, and will extend in depth to the middle of the brook or to the railro

The Council has been in negotiation with the owners of other tracts, but has not yet succeeded in agreeing upon terms except in one case where transfer has been delayed by other matters in controversy. In two cases agreement with the owners has been found imposetble and the attorneys of the borough have been instructed to condemn.

The committee have had a topegraphical map made by a landscape architect, laying out the plan of the park in an orderly and systematic manner; they have ordered such surveys as seemed necessary to determine just how much land is required in each of a number of cases, and they have labored with encouragement of success to interest the citizens of Montclair in the acquisition by them of that part of section may be joined to that within the borough and thus substantially increase the size and value of the park. The work of creation of the park is one of great detail, requiring time and

patience to bring it to fruition.

The Water Committee reports that no additional bydrants were put in during the year. No new arrangement has yet been consummated with the Orange Water Company. The proposition to purchase their plant does not meet with favor, and negotiations for a renewal of the present contract on as reasonable terms as possible are now pending.

The year just closed was a record breaker in the amount of stone walks faid. The new walk laid was 7,861 feet. and 1,457 feet of walk relaid. Four cases of smallpox during the year entailed an additional expense of \$1,500 in the Board of Health's expenditures,

## NO ANNEXATION

ADVICES FROM TRENTON THAT THE BILL HAS BEEN DRUPPED.

The Anti-Annexation Demonstration Had tood Effect-Other Powerful Influences Interposed Against the Measure.

The latest advices from the State Capital concerning the annexation bill are highly encouraging to the anti-annexction people and discouraging to the advocates of that project. The latest report is to the effect that the bell is to be dropped, and while it have een reported favorably to the Senate the Trenton correspondents say that will not

be taken up and passed by the body.

The formidable and vigor as opposition against the bit out arang up suddenly here when an wation assumed a serious apec undoubtedly did much toward checking the bill, but it is believed as powerful but stient influence has been bught to bear to secure the bonds ept of the bill for the time tetng at least

To those disposed to take a rational view of the annuation it was obvious that the opposition to the measure was of such a character in numbers and influence and in appaying proportions that it was unit to force annexation in the face wit fithout material injury. to the beneats that it was honestly thought could be secured by incorporation with Newark.

Some people had talked annexation and had advised it, and deemed it an important and proper thing for public discussion, but when irresponsible parties relying on the passive if not active support of some prominent and influential citizens undertook to bring about annexation by a jamming process many of those who had favored annexation from a theoretical standpoint and were on the high road to becoming active supporters of it, suddenly reversed about and placed themselves in opposition to the annexation bill introduced at

To any one desirous of acting in a manner conductve to the best interests of the people of this town there was no other course open but to oppose the annexation bill or to refuse to lend their influence to the passage. The majority of the people realized that appearation was not a thing to be trifled with. Its consequences, whether good or bad, were to be perpetual and the act once carried out could not be undone.

In the case of the present scheme to annex to Newark people were urged to rush into it regardless of consequences. The undignified argument of "well, we can't be any worse off" was the only one offered in support of the movement to surrender municipal independence. The threatened stampede was wisely checked by people who believed that any question of public policy should be carefully studied from the standpoint of its "after effects" before being accepted.

When the people began to look this annexation project squarely in the face they began to realize their true position in the matter and the unfavorable attitude they would be placed in wish respect to their future prospects if they forced themselves into Newark under

such a one-rided arrangement. The city of Newark was not a partner to the scheme. The territory of the town of Bloomfield was to be an unconditional gift to the city, but the city was not placed under any a ectal or impiled promises to care for e new territory forced upon it.

The Greater Newark bility of the future, its creation should be dealt with lon tatesman-like ial considerabe a poseimatter with due at ute, ial consideraproposed large mun, lifty. The present agitation has the implished two resuits likely to have wholesome effect in public affairs. It has evidenced to the annexationists that there is a strong public sentiment to be dealt with in effecting any change in the form of govthe Glen which lies within the limits of ernment of this town. On the other the town of Montelair, so that that | hand those responsible for the conduct of public affairs here must take cognizance of the danger signals apparent in the annexation petition.

## THE SPRING ELECTION.

HOLMAN BILL DEFEATED AND ELECTION WILL BE HELD.

The Town Clerk Issues Official Notice-Lively Stir in Political Cire cies - Petifions for Independent None inations Now in Circulation.

Present indications point to a local spring election. The Holman bill defeated in the Legislature on Wedn day afternoon by a vote of 24 to 1847 bill, merging spring elections with elections throughout the State, was introduced early in the current se of the Legislature, but no dispose was manifested towards taking up for passage, and the indicipatities at hold elections in Maron has done so.

Official preparation for the spring election are under way. Town clerk has issued to sele ion votice. Clerk has issued to manipulate The political leaders who manipulate the Citizens' ticket and taking steps towards making somina. wards making nominate by petition, and those present member of the Town Council desiring in jection are looking up their constituent. If there is no interference the legit ture with the spring election. spring election, and if the annexation issue is not inject I into the centest, there will be a lively battle at the polls on the eighth day of next month.

It is very likely that opposing tickets will be in the field in all the three wards for Ward Qunctimen, and possibly for Councilman at Large.

The political situation with respect to local affaire is important and interesting. Starting with the high tax rate as a paramount issue, there are numerous other actors of lesser importance that contribute to a widespread diseatisfaction. It is safe to assume that in the case of an election the considerable body of people represented in the annexation petition will be arrayed against the local government in the approaching election, and many who were ardent anti-annexationists are too ready to blame the government for the uneatlefactory local conditions that made such an uprising in favor of annexation possible.

The existing conditions in local affairs that are the cause of such general complaints, are not attributable to any particular administration of late years, and the present administration can truthfully say the burden was bequesthed to it. From a general standpoint the tax burden can be traced to two causes, One is that when Gien Bidge secoded and took away one-third of the taxable valuations of the town, the people did not get to work and adjust the goveernmental machinery to conform with the reduced condition of the town in territory and resources, but on the other hand, encouraged a tendency towards improved and enlarged governmental facilities and conveniences.

In the second place, the people incurred large bonded indebtedness for roads and school-houses right on top of a heavy bond leave for sewers. A bigh tax rate was the natural sequence, but the public money has not been wasted. The town government in its personnel and conveniences is of creditable standaid. The town officers excite the admiration of vicitors from other towns the size of Bloomfield, and the well-appointed facilities for conducting the public business are beyond criticism in respect to quality.

The school-houses and excellent roads are other benefical results of the liberal policy of the citizens with respect to incurring and assuming bonded is debte edness. It is not easy to point out where the replacing of one set of men with another set of men, such as the diseatisfied elements propose, le going to improve conditions so materially in so far as taxes are concerned.

Inexperienced men, as & rule, do not surpass experienced men in the ordinary affairs of business, and neither can they in public business, or, as some people prefer to call it, " local politics," If the people can restrain themselves from being allured into lesuing any further 'promises to pay' in the shape of bonds ' and the town keeps up the slow but steady development that has marked past years, the tax rate will of its orn accord settle to a satisfactory basis.

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